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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Patent Application of: JACOB J. THOMAS, et al.
Serial No. 10/702,684
Filed: November 5, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1761

Sir:

Enclosed are the following papers:

1. First Amendment
2. Fee Determination Record form PTO/SB/06; no additional fee is required.
3. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
4. Check in the amount of \$60
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Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10, 12, 14 and 17.

Please amend claims 11 and 15 and add new claims 18-21 as set forth in Attachment A hereto.

Attachment A contains a complete listing of all the claims.

REMARKS:

A. Cancelled claims:

Claims 1-10, 12, 14 and 17 have been canceled. Therefore rejections applied to these claims will not be discussed.